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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report from the European Patent Office that was mailed on March 30, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 01127969.2, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,632,135 to LENTING et al., which issued on December 30, 1986;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 02/11526, which was published on February 14, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 4,559,467 to BECKMANN et al., which issued on December 17, 1985; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,975,090 to TAYLOR et al., which issued on November 2, 1999, (Applicants note that this document was previously cited by the Examiner, according a copy of this document is not being provided herewith).

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims, are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants have provided below a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and thus, believe no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel H. Bernstein", followed by the text "Reg. No. 48,214".

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